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James Edward Lee pleads guilty to manslaughter in 2021 death of Shaquetha Sharaey Tyson of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A 2021 Elba homicide case concluded earlier this week when the man charged in the death of Shaquetha Sharaey Tyson entered a guilty plea for manslaughter.

James Edward Lee of Elba was arrested Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, by Elba Police and charged with the murder of Tyson. Her body was discovered earlier that evening inside her residence of an apartment complex on Adkinson Avenue in Elba.

At the time of his arrest, Lee was charged with murder, certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm, resisting arrest, and attempting to elude.

Earlier this week, Lee and his attorney, Gary Brad-



James Edward Lee

shaw, appeared before 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Shannon Clark. Representing the state was District Attorney James Tarbox.

A plea of guilty was entered by Lee for manslaughter [rather than murder]. The charges of certain persons forbidden to possess a

firearm, resisting arrest, and attempting to elude were dismissed.

"Mr Lee entered a guilty plea to manslaughter and accepted an 18-year sentence pursuant to a negotiated settlement," D.A. Tarbox said. "Judge Shannon Clark heard the plea colloquy and sentenced Mr. Lee."

Upon reviewing the case facts and discussing the matter with the victim's family, Tarbox said the State felt that manslaughter was a likely outcome had this case proceeded to trial.

"Nothing can bring Ms. Tyson back, but that State hopes this guilty plea brings some closure to her family, as well as keeps Mr. Lee in prison, where he belongs, for many years to come."

On his sentence, Lee will get credit for the 1,037 days [a little less than three years] he had spent incarcerated since being arrested in connection to this crime.

NOTICE

Elba City Schools will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, due to travel to Leroy, Ala. for the semi-finals of the AHSAA Class 1A football playoffs.



The Elba Tigers football family celebrated a couple of milestones reached last Friday night, Nov. 24, by one of the team's leaders when junior running back Alvin Henderson broke two state records. Henderson now owns the state's single season rushing touchdown record, and the state's single season total touchdown record. The previous single season rushing touchdown record was 53 TD's held by Lee Witherspoon. With six rushing touchdowns in Elba's win last week over Maplesville in the state playoffs, Henderson now holds that record at 58 TD's. Witherspoon also previously held the single season total touchdown record before last week at 59 TD's, but Henderson broke that record too with his current 65 TD's on the season. Henderson can add to both those totals this week when Elba travels to Leroy for semi-final action in the state playoffs. Above, Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley presents Henderson with two certificates following last Friday night's game in Maplesville recognizing both record setting accomplishments. Henderson was surrounded by his teammates, coaches, school administrators, and family as Moseley presented the awards. Also, many of Elba fans stayed in the stands to witness the presentations. Henderson thanked his teammates for helping him to be able to achieve these records, and he thanked the fans for always supporting him.

Nov. 21st wreck in Coffee County claims life of Brundidge woman

A two-vehicle crash Tuesday, Nov. 21, at approximately 5:41 p.m., claimed the life of a Brundidge, Ala. woman.

The crash occurred on Alabama Hwy. 125 near the 18-mile marker, approximately eight miles south of Brundidge, in Coffee County.

According to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Glenda Marie Richards, age 42, was fatally injured when the 2010 Nissan Maxima she was driving collided head-on with the 2018 Toyota Rav4, driven by Ellie Michelle Flaate, age 21, of Enterprise, Ala. Richards reportedly was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Flaate was transported to a local area hospital for medical treatment.

The accident was investigated by Alabama State Troopers and the Coffee County Coroner's Office.

Coffee County residents refusing garbage service could be cited

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Nov. 27,

commissioners took a step

in trying to combat rising problems with county residents not signing up for the solid waste program, which

to Diversified General Contractors in the amount of \$268,441.85. This project will include the gym concrete slab, emergency lighting, doors, ADA ramp, and steps to the front office including a handrail.

The council approved a resolution to award the construction project for site work/grading to serve Sunbelt Solomon to Rothel Moody Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$171,055. This is for the base bid contingent upon ADECA approval.

Also, the council voted to give Mayor Tom Maddox authority to search for a two-year CD to invest \$600,000 from the healthcare fund. These monies came to the city after the Elba Healthcare Authority was abolished. The city will keep approximately \$100,000 operational for upkeep to the healthcare buildings owned by the city.

is a requirement.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the solid waste department was seeing more and more residents refuse to sign up for the county's garbage collection service, but it is a requirement in the county to utilize the service for garbage collections. In an effort to help the solid waste officer, Morgan asked commissioners to approve a motion to allow for the solid waste officer to be able to issue citations to residents that refuse to use the service.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Morgan said this would involve some cooperation with the district attorney's office for the citations process to be effective, but he said District Attorney James Tarbox had indicated he would be willing to help with the process.

County residents that are issued a citation would be subject to civil court prosecution.

Also, during the meeting, several department heads noted their holiday schedules for Christmas and New

Year's Day.

Morgan said county offices would be closed Friday, Dec. 22, in observance of Christmas Eve [it falls on a Sunday this year], and Monday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas Day. Also, he said the county offices would be closed Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

Environmental services director Mike Thornton said the county landfill would be closed both Mondays - Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st for Christmas and New Year's Day. He said there would be no garbage collection on those days; therefore, Monday's pickup for those two holidays would be on Tuesday of each week.

County engineer Michael Walters said the county engineering office a way department would be closed the entire week of Dec. 25 - Dec. 29th for the holidays.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

Don't Miss Breakfast with Santa this Saturday in Elba

The Elba Country Club will host Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8 - 11 a.m.

Youngsters are invited to join Santa from 8-10 a.m. for pictures, a sing along, and special gifts from St. Nick!

The cost is \$20 per child, and \$10 per adult. Includes breakfast, drinks, craft, one picture with Santa.

Open to all. Fee can be paid at the door or Venmo: elbacountryclub.

Area Happenings

The Elba Tigers will travel Friday, Dec. 1, to Leroy to take on the Bears in the AHSAA Class 1A football playoffs. This will be semi-final action. Kickoff in Leroy will be 7 p.m.

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will host a Christmas Luncheon this Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Office [2950 County Road 377, Elba]. Those planning to attend are urged to bring a covered dish. Anyone with any questions or concerns should contact Chief James Wright or Vice Chief Nancy Carnley at the following number 334-897-3207 or text or call Chief James Wright at 334-449-0607; email machiscreeks@outlook.com or chief-james@outlook.com.

The Elba Christmas Parade will be Monday, Dec. 4, beginning at 6 p.m.



City of Elba employees began decorating for Christmas earlier this week as trees, lights, wreaths, banners and more went up. Above, city employees are shown working on the city's large Christmas tree, which will officially be lit for the season following the Christmas Parade scheduled for Monday evening, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." – Theodore Roosevelt

The release of hostages in the Middle East war is heartwarming, but we wonder about the emotions of the families of those who are still being held hostage. Of course the involved parties are each trying to "save face" so the involvement of outside countries are vital to this type situation. Thankfully the U. S. and several third world countries are willing to sit around the tables and hammer out concessions from both sides and get those people back into their homes. After all, those being held hostage (and those who died in that original attack) are only guilty of attending a music festival with other family members. The same could also be said about the victims of the counterattack that followed (is following) the original raid.

Bird flu is still taking a toll on the chicken industry as 1.35 million chickens are being killed on (ONE FARM!) An Ohio egg farm! WE thought we had seen some big chicken raising operations, but that many laying hens in one place warps our little ole brain. Reportedly the bird flu is not as bad this year as last year, but there have still been 8.1 million birds killed this year to help control the spread of the disease and 5.8 million of those have come just this month as several large egg farms have been struck. That includes the birds at that Ohio egg farm and another 940,000 chickens at one Minnesota egg farm that had to be killed.

A headline about "What was the most successful Christmas movie-ever" had us guessing . . . but poorly. Our guess was "Miracle on 34th Street" that has been on every year f-o-r-e-v-e-r . . . but we were badly wrong. It has only grossed a total of \$46 million. The leader is "The Grinch" with \$526 million. That was followed by the first "Home Alone" at \$476 million. The three different "Home Alone" films totaled only \$914 million, far, far less than those other two and several others. The moral of that bit of information is 'Don't ask for our learned opinions and expect reliable data.'

The battle for the Republican nomination for president is already over, according to some 'experts' who suggest Trump will again get the nomination. Others are looking at the other candidates. Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley seems to be picking up financial support from key political types. The Florida Governor is shooting more "news releases" to our office than all the others combined, but Haley is giving him a run for his money. So much so that during the past week he has quarreled with her more than with Trump!

During the past several months we have not harped on "Get the shots", but that does not imply that we are giving up the pulpit. Medical folks are urging flu shots' this fall and we listened. That cute nurse's smile caused us to not even notice when she poked our arm with that flu shot! The professionals are also reminding each of us of the updated version of COVID shots . . . hopefully each one of our readers is listening to this message as well.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, through Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Monday, Nov. 20 – Suspicious person reported at 994 Sunset Blvd (4:44 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1107 Payne St (8:27 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1007 Forest Ave (10:38 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 987 Drayton Ave (3:10 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Suspicious person reported at 977 Smith Ave (4:00 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 615 Jackson Ave (5:21 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Traffic accident reported at 2606 Old Curtis Rd (3:45 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Martin Luther King Dr (6:42 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Thursday, Nov. 23 – Criminal mischief reported to Elba Police (5:50 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 13959 Hwy 84 (3:30 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Old Samson Rd (8:12 p.m.); Suspicious

circumstances reported at 331 Putnam St (10:00 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Friday, Nov. 24 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 963 Harper Dr (12:56 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:58 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 346 County Rd 349 (12:38 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 934 Sunset Blvd (4:06 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, Nov. 25 – Verbal altercation reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (10:57 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Williams St, Kinston (11:07 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (9:13 p.m.).

Sunday, Nov. 26 – Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:53 p.m.).

Monday, Nov. 27 – Animal complaint reported to Elba Police (8:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 987 Drayton Ave (11:12 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 990 Hwy 203 (5:13 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 87 (5:22 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (6:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Old Samson Rd (8:50 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.



Elba native and Auburn University student Appraisia Edwards (center) received a \$1,750 scholarship from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation and the Coffee County Farmers Federation. Appraisia is a senior studying agricultural communications. Pictured (from left) are Coffee County Farmers Federation Vice President Max Bozeman, Edwards, and Coffee County Farmers Federation President Carl Sanders.

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JAMES GLASTER COMPTON

Mr. James Glaster Compton, age 93, of Andalusia, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Mr. Compton was preceded in death by his first wife, Mozell Compton; parents, Walter and Lessie Marles Compton; daughter, Melba Compton; sister, Shelley C. Clark; and brother, Ed Compton.

Survivors include his wife: Bertha Lee Compton, Andalusia; sons: Monty Compton of South Carolina, Kenny Compton of Texas, and Stan Compton, of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

JOAN ELIZABETH WILKERSON

Mrs. Joan Elizabeth Wilkerson, age 84, a resident of Elba, Ala., died

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at her home.

Private graveside services were held at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Jewel Clyde Blackmon, and Charlie Wilson Blackmon.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years: Benny Wilkerson, Elba; sons: Michael (Patricia) Wilkerson, Brantley, Ala., and Benny (Kristi) Wilkerson, Deatsville, Ala.; daughters: Melissa (Ted) Fillingim, Jack, Ala., and Pam Bogges, Elba; her brother: Wayne Blackmon, Newnan, Ga.; and sister: Barbara Jones, Andalusia, Ala.; along with nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and three great great-grandchildren.

MATTIE PEARL THOMASTON MACK

Mrs. Mattie Pearl Thomaston Mack, age 86, of Kinston, Ala., died Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp, Ala., with Bro. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed in Rhoades Cemetery.

Mrs. Mack was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, Raymond Thomaston; sister, Clara Mae Smith; brothers, Buddy Jacobs and H. J. Jacobs; and parents, Annie Mae Whitehead Jacobs and Jeff Jacobs.

Survivors include her husband: Johnny Mack; daughters: Shelia Thomaston Moody and husband Rick, and Shirley Thomaston; son: Tony Thomaston and wife Michelle; grandchildren: Chasity Cooper (Jody), Shawn Hudson, Chad Bradley (Mandy), Brad Bradley, Brandy Cowen (Jake), Brittney Mercado (Pedro), Andy Thomaston (Courtney), Ceanna Antolik (Lucas) and Tracker Thomaston (Layla); great-grandchildren: Ella,

Michaela, Ashley, Lexi, Sky, Ivy, Riley B, Gavin and Adaela, Kennedy and Jennica, Ansileigh, Braxton, Paisley, Tinley, Riley T. and Elaine Cowen; and great-great granddaughter: Parker J. Cowen.

JOSEPH W. BAILEY

Mr. Joseph W. Bailey, age 83, a native of the Pine Level Community of Coffee

County, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, in Pensacola, Fla.

He was the son of Joseph Leon Bailey and Syble Messick Glenn.

Joseph married Julie Hodges Bailey of San Antonio, Texas in 1985.

They recently moved of Pensacola.

He served 20 years in the US Army Reserves and active duty, retiring in 1989. He received numerous medals during his service time, including the Legion of Merit.

Joe and Julie owned and operated a florist for several years in Knoxville, Tenn. He was active in the Kiwanis Club while living in Knoxville and served as president for three years. He was awarded the George F Hixon award.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at St Luke's UMC, 1394 E Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, Fla., beginning at 11 a.m. Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m.

Joe donated his brain tis-

sue to the State of Florida Brain Bank for the study of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Survivors include his wife: Julie Hodges Bailey, Pensacola, Fla.; sons: Joseph Michael (Carla) Bailey, New Hope, Ala., Ronald David (Nelda) Bailey, New Hope, Ala. and Scott Wilson (Melissa) Bailey, Dauphin Island, Ala.; grandchildren: Claire Bailey (Brock) Lambert, Elba, Ala., Whitney Bailey, Louisville, Ala., Bryan (Hillary) Bailey, Wichita, Kan., Zack (Sofia) Bailey, Grand Bay, Ala.; and great-grandchildren: Briggs Lambert, Elba, Kristian Bailey, Louisville, Jamie, Ellie and Evie Bailey, all of Wichita, Scott Thomas and Kara Bailey, both of Grand Bay.

BRYAN LLOYD LINDSEY

Mr. Bryan Lloyd Lindsey, age 83, of Athens, Ga., a tender-hearted, loving, ornery, ferocious, and much beloved son, brother, and uncle, passed away from cancer on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Bryan was born on October 2, 1940, the youngest child of George Buren and Maudie Bell (Bryan) Lindsey. He grew up in the Pine Level Community near Brantley, Ala.

Bryan was dedicated to helping others. After graduating from Troy University, he began teaching English, helping scores of children in various grades wrestle successfully with participles and Shakespeare. That career was interrupted by a command performance in the U.S. Army from 1963-65 where Bryan served stateside in personnel, an experience which honed his skills in unraveling red tape and cursing the government. Receiving an honorable discharge, he continued his education, earning a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Alabama. As a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Georgia, Bryan excelled as a classroom teacher and as a mentor to other teachers, leading him to travel in the 1970s to South America and the Soviet Union to train future educators and consult on teacher training methods. A point of pride was his participation in helping establish Head Start programs in Georgia.

Bryan's worldview was deeply anchored in his sense of justice and fairness. He had no qualms about speaking truth to power, gaining a judgment against the University of Georgia for a violation of his First Amendment rights in 1980. Bryan then began a new career managing and maintaining his rental properties in Athens, climbing on roofs, crawling under houses, and combing the Habitat ReStore for tools and materials until the last month of his life. He intentionally kept his rents affordable to give those down on their luck a chance to get ahead and often offered those behind on their rent the chance to do small jobs in lieu of payment. He often served as their advocate in navigating social services. Not surprisingly, he was a big animal lover, repeatedly taking in pets for those who couldn't keep them because he believed it was the right thing to do.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents and by his siblings: Sara Nell Hancock, James Worthie Lindsey, Sr., John Ferdinand Lindsey, Gareth Alton Lindsey, Vance Martin Lindsey, and Myra Janice Sport. He is survived by his brother, Gerald Buren Lindsey, of Huntsville, AL, 20 nieces and nephews, and a multitude of great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala. The funeral service begins at 3 p.m. Burial will follow at Pine Level Cemetery.

Flowers and contributions to the Athens, Ga., Habitat for Humanity chapter (athenshabitate.com/donate) or your local Habitat for Humanity chapter are welcome.

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Loved One - Share Memories With Loved Ones

When a loved one passes away, it often triggers a lot of conversation about who the person was, what they had done throughout their life, and how they will be remembered. Families want to preserve and pass along these memories to future generations.

During the holidays, it can be difficult to bring up your loved one either because the pain is too fresh or you do not want to upset anyone during what is supposed to be a happy time ... a time of family celebration. Not doing so, however, can make things even worse. Memories of the person are all around you, and it is impossible not to think of that person. One of the worst things you can do is try to bury those thoughts and feelings. "Don't avoid talking about the recently deceased person. Share a funny or positive story about the deceased," says Terri Lively, LCSW.

However, for those supporting the griever, "don't feel like you need to lie and say how much you will miss that person if it isn't the truth," says Lively. You can still be a listening ear.

Take some time with friends and family to share memories of your loved one. Share funny or happy stories about the person. Remember it is OK to laugh, even though you are grieving.

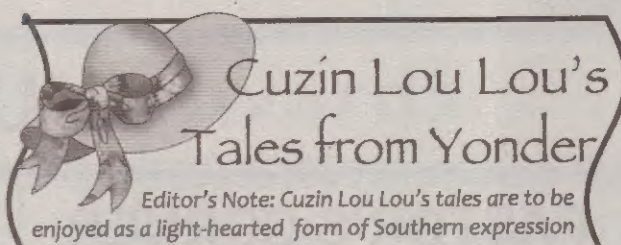
You may want to pull out old photo albums or home videos to look through or watch with friends or family members. This may trigger some strong emotions, but can provide happy memories and stories to share about the life of your loved one.

Another idea is to create a memorial photo table. Encourage others to share photos they have of your loved one at past holiday celebrations.

Remember ... memories are made to be shared and even though your loved one is gone, their memory will live in all those who get to share in their stories.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

The Yonder Gang had a great Thanksgiving holiday as they enjoyed family time and ate way too much food. It was almost uneventful, but this time, it was Cuzin Lou Lou that created the uproar of Turkey Day!

The gang had traveled over to another family members home to each Thanksgiving Day lunch with a houseful of family. There was enough food on the counter to feed a small army, and no one left the table feeling as though they did not get enough to eat! Actually, everyone wondered if they would even be able to eat again the entire day because so much good food had been devoured for lunch...turns out, they could. It was just an entire repeat situation!

The 'uh-oh event' happened just prior to lunch.

Lou Lou had brought her new camera to the gathering so she could play with it by taking lots of photos of everyone enjoying the day, but also, so someone could snap a photo of her, Sister, and Papa together.

As they headed outside to get said photo, Lou Lou chose to have everyone walk to the white fence near the road. She was walking along with no worries, talking to everyone, when suddenly her world fell out from under her!

Lou Lou never even saw that hole when it jumped up

and grabbed her right leg, but it did! Lou Lou didn't even have time to think about it before she was already on the ground.

Of course, there were gasps followed by questions of, "are you okay?"

Sister pointed out that 'all' of Lou Lou's glasses ended up flying everywhere - she generally has two pair on her body - her reading glasses and her sunglasses. Sister despises that Lou Lou wears one on her shirt and the other on top of her head when she does not have one covering her eyes.

After Lou Lou managed to return her body to the upright position, and ensured everyone that she was going to be okay - it was just a hard fall, no damage done - that then led to the laughs and jokes.

It didn't deter Lou Lou though. She gathered the troops, proceeded to walk on to the fence, and got that family picture made...you can't even tell that she had just recovered from the fall that shook the ground!

Oh well...it's not the fall that matters. It is how you recover that counts, and Lou Lou thinks she handled it well! And, it gave Sister something to laugh about for a change, but we won't talk about the 'tiny bit' of soreness Lou Lou felt the next morning...

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We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received in April of 2023 show that our system exceeds the standard or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Carbon Tetrachloride. The standard for Carbon Tetrachloride is 0.005 MG/L. The chart below lists the location, contaminant, and levels that exceeded the maximum contaminant level.

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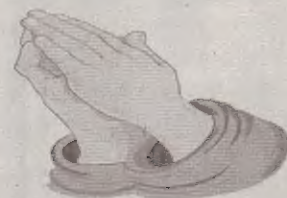
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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church

Thanksgiving 365

Hello, everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving this year. It's my favorite holiday. There's something powerful and good about gratitude, isn't there? In fact, I think practicing gratitude should be at the top of our spiritual "To Do" list every day of the year. What do you think?

The following is my "Top Five" list of things to thank God for daily.

1. *Thank God for his love.* "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

2. *Thank God for giving you Christ's righteousness or goodness.* "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21).

3. *Thank God for his grace to you.* "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved" (Eph. 2:4-5).

4. *Thank Jesus for dying on the cross of Calvary for you.* "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

5. *Thank God for the Holy Spirit who lives in you.* "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:13-14).

There are so many more things we could thank God for, aren't there? Make these "five" yours and, even add your own to them. Enjoy the blessings. It's Thanksgiving 365.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church plans drive-thru Nativity, Dec. 8th & 9th

The Youth Ministry of Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be presenting "Journey to The Savior" - a drive-through living Nativity on Friday night, Dec. 8, and Saturday night, Dec. 9, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Ten scenes will be used to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Live animals, courtesy of Marley Acres, will be present in some of

these scenes.

Vehicles will enter the Nativity area from Coffee County Road 329 and exit onto Alabama Highway 87.

This event is free. Make plans now to come join Zion Chapel Baptist Church for a very special reminder of the reason Christmas is celebrated.

For additional information, call (334) 300-6974 or (334) 447-2433.

First Baptist Church Elba offers special worship opportunities during December

First Baptist Church Elba will have several special services during the month of December to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The children's Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m., and the adult Christmas cantata will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5

p.m.

The church also will host a Christmas Eve Communion service Sunday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.

All are welcome and invited to attend these services. First Baptist Church Elba is located at 606 Simmons Street.

Damascus Baptist Church invites all enjoy Dec. 17th Christmas cantata

The choir of Damascus Baptist Church will perform its Christmas cantata on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

"The Living Gift" will be a 25-minute Christmas CCAA brings choral presentation, Messiah, to First Baptist Church

Messiah, A Community Choral Presentation is created with the desire to provide Coffee County and the Wiregrass Area with a Choral rendition of Handel's Messiah.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, the First Baptist Church Enterprise, located at 302 North Main Street, will resonate with the celestial melodies of Handel's most revered composition, "Messiah." This transcendent oratorio, a masterpiece that has enchanted audiences for centuries, will be brought to life by The Coffee County Arts Alliance in what promises to be an unforgettable community choral presentation.

Founded on principles of openness and community, everyone is welcome to en-

joy to come enjoy this special music program in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Damascus Baptist Church is located at 774 County Rd. 547, Elba, Ala.

Enterprise on Dec. 3rd joy as the community gathers together in the performance of this celebrated work.

As the hallowed spaces of the church fill with the harmonious voices of local talent, students and professional singers, attendees will be invited on a journey through the epochs of prophecy, passion, and redemption. This rendition, under the direction of Dr. Ken Thomas, is not just a musical event, but a soulful communion; an evening where timeless music and community spirit intertwine, evoking emotions and memories that will linger long after the final note has been sung.

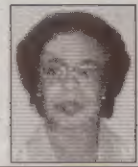
There is no admission fee for this event, but donations are appreciated.

Celebrate The Birth Of Christ

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

334-282-2200



Scripture: A Prayer of Repentance [Psalm 51: 1-19]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Gene Culver, Elba Elementary School principal Kenya Martin, Eliza N. Kelley, Tamequest Jones, Tony (Cool Breeze) Wright, Shelia Magwood, Harold Williams

November Birthdays

President Joe Biden 11/20
Ted Horstead 11/20
Laila Gulley 11/21
Annette Hammonds 11/21
Maria A. Duncan 11/22
Wendy Wood 11/22
Matthew Bright 11/23
Aubretta Mitchell 11/24

What About Unskillful Praise

One Sunday before worship began, our youngest daughter asked to sit with members of our small group in the row behind us. We agreed, and during the service I kept hearing her little girl voice singing above all others. I don't know whether that was because she sang loudly or I was tuned in to her because she was my child. Either way, her sweet soprano voice stood out to me as her innocence shed through. Her voice wasn't perfect, and she missed some words; but I imagined God must have smiled at that little voice praising Him.

It's all too easy to get caught up in personal preferences and showmanship in musical expressions of worship. Is the volume according to my taste? Is the worship team properly attired for being on stage? Is each song timed perfectly with no dead space? That Sunday when I saw my daughter's sweet expression as she sang her heart out to God, I did not notice anything about the quality of the music. Skillful praise is the ideal to aim

for, but heartfelt praise also counts [in Isaiah 29:13 we see what God thinks of the opposite).

What a blessing it must be to God to hear the sincere praise of His children! - L.M.W.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/30/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Psalmist affirmed the Lord's capability to still the _____ of the sea and its waves.

A: Noise [Psalm 65:7]

Q: The angel told the shepherds that the Christ had been born in the city of _____.

A: David [Luke 2:11]

Q: There is no _____ against the fruit of the Spirit.

A: law [Galatians 5:22, 23]

Thought to Remember

A successful church cannot be a one-person endeavor

Questions for the Week of 12/7/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The Psalmist predicted that all _____ shall come to God.

Q: The Psalmist saw the Lord clothed in honor and _____.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Worship at the Church of Your Choice This and Every Sunday!

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adecock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD-KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Enfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Oliver Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.

Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. . . 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

2023 Coffee County Farm-City Awards

Annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet held recently in New Brockton

The 2023 Coffee County Farm-City Awards Banquet was held Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala.

The theme for Farm-City Week this year was "Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities," and the guest speaker for the banquet was City of Enterprise tourism director Tammy Doerer.

Over 100 members from the community attended, and Doerer's message about the importance of agriculture in Coffee County along with the impact of tourism and agritourism was well-received.

Several farming and industry awards were presented during the event.

- **Industry of the Year - INZI Controls:** This business was nominated by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. INZI Controls Alabama Inc was founded in 2009, by the Korean-based company INZI Controls. It began operations in the facility housed by Toledo Molding and Die, which it still operates from today. The company manufactures plastic automobile parts for both Hyundai in Montgomery and Kia in Georgia. It currently employs about 130 people and runs two shifts.

- **Poultry Award - 4C Farms (no picture):** 4C Farms is owned and operated by Travis Carnley and his wife, Lynn. They purchased the poultry farm from his father about six years ago. 4C Farms raises broilers for Pilgrims Pride. 4C fully updated their house and enjoy growing for Pilgrims. The Carnley's also have a stocker cattle operation that works well with the use of poultry fertilizer. Travis has worked for NRCS for the past 29 years and Lynn helps manage the houses daily operation.

- **Forestry Award:** Ted and Diane Vignola Tree Farm of Elba. Ted has been tree farming for over 43 years, and he was one of the first in the area to plant advanced genetic Loblolly and Longleaf pines. The Vignola's manage for Timber Production and Wildlife on their property. Through his business, Time Limited Forestry, Ted has been responsible for planting over 120 million trees through his career. Ted is a Member of the Coffee County Forestry Landowner Association.

- **Beef Award:** Jake and Caitlin Blackmon of 2B Farms. Both Jake and Caitlin grew up showing cattle. Jake was raised on a cattle and chicken farm in Elba. Caitlin was also raised on a small cow/calf operation in Arton. They purchased 160 acres of farmland in New Brockton, where they established 2B Farms. Because of Jake's experience with successfully backgrounding stocker heifers with his father Tim Blackmon, that is the main type of cattle at 2B Farms. They also have a small cow/calf herd on the side that will continue to raise high quality replacement heifers and steers for freezer beef.

- **Row Crop Award:** Garrett Moore of Moore Farms. Garrett and his wife, Hannah, live in Chancellorsville. Garrett began farming about six years ago when he returned home from serving four years in the Marines. His family has a long history of farming in Coffee County dating all the way back to 1850. After leaving the Marines, Garrett decided to follow his family's legacy in agriculture. Moore Farms grows peanuts, corn, cotton and has a small cattle herd.

- **Business of the Year - Joreski Family Farm,** nom-

inated by the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. Joreski Family Farm is comprised of Michael Joreski Jr., along with his wife, Amanda Holcomb Joreski, and their children, Mikey, Lizzy, Abby and Maddy. The Joreski's are a small family farm dedicated to bring fresh local honey, freeze-dried treats, and local produce to the community. Beginning with just two small beehives, the farm has grown into over a 25-beehive apiary. They have been in beekeeping for over seven years. The farm also has continued to evolve through the years as they have added large gardens, pecan trees, fruit trees, berry bushes, and a muscadine arbor. They also have added free-range chickens that produce a variety of fresh eggs. The farm/business continues to grow by adding in a freeze dryer to preserve their produce. Joreski Family Farm now sells freeze dried treats at the farmers markets, festivals, and other venues or events. Some of the freeze dried treats include freeze dried okra, green beans, strawberries and more.

- **2023 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award - Patterson Brothers Farms,** which was originated by Coy and Henry Patterson. The farm is in its 4th generation located in Kinston, and currently is operated by Henry and Clint Patterson. Clint's sons Owen Tuff and Grady Coy are learning the family business thus will continue with the name Patterson Brothers Farm. Over the years they have implemented numerous conservation practices including waterways, field borders, sediment control basins, and high residue conservation tillage. They also plant multi species cover crops each year to control erosion and increase organic matter. Cotton, peanuts, and corn are strip till planted into these cover crops with minimum soil disturbance. This year they will harvest over 2,000 acres of cotton, over 1,000 acres of peanuts, and chop corn for silage. The Farm also has cattle and eight broiler houses.

- **2023 Farm of Distinction,** nominated by Alabama Ag Credit - Dalrymple Farms. Like most kids, at a young age Bret Dalrymple had a dream. He wanted to farm. So, he began farming with his father, Doug. At just 8-years-old, Bret began breaking land on a 3020 John Deere tractor and planted his first crop of peanuts with a 4-row planter. In 1994, Bret diversified the family farm by planting his first cotton crop. Today, Dalrymple Farms consists of 450 acres of peanuts, 450 acres of baling, 300 mamma cows, 100 acres of cotton, and 100 acres of coastal hay. Additionally, the farm runs anywhere from 1,500 to 2,200 stockers annually - a job Bret and his middle son, Dakota, see through together. In 2017, the event barn, Dalrymple

Farms, was added to the farm. Today, they host anywhere from 25 to 30 weddings and events annually. In 2019, 3D Cattle was born - an idea of Bret's that led him to purchase a refrigerated truck and begin selling freezer beef direct to consumer at local farmers markets. Today, they sell anywhere from 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. of beef a week at markets in Enterprise, Freeport, Destin, Panama City, and San Destin and to local restaurants, including Corks and Cattle in Enterprise. The Dalrymple's operation is a true family business with each member playing a vital role in their success.



2023 Farm of Distinction, nominated by Alabama Ag Credit - Dalrymple Farms



Beef Award: Jake and Caitlin Blackmon of 2B Farms



Business of the Year - Joreski Family Farm



Row Crop Award: Garrett Moore of Moore Farms



2023 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award - Patterson Brothers Farms



Forestry Award: Ted and Diane Vignola Tree Farm



Industry of the Year - INZI Controls

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Jeffrey J. Wolfe, Plaintiff, v. Samuel Boone Parsley, a Parcel of Land in Coffee County, Alabama described as all that tract of parcel of land lying and being in Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 22 East, St. Stephens Meridian, Coffee County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument stamped "67-B", which is at the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 11, on the boundary of a tract of land owned by the United States of America at Fort Rucker Military Reservation, and at plane coordinate position North 367,061.66 feet and East 505,817.18 feet, based on Transverse Mercator Projection, Alabama East Zone; Thence S 89° 57' E along the boundary of said United States tract 93 feet, more or less, to the center of Copperas Branch; Thence Southerly along the centerline of said Copperas Branch 750 feet, more or less, to the center of School House and Church Branch; Thence Westerly along the centerline of said School House and Church Branch 1,000 feet, more or less, to a point on a line which bears S 00° 05' W from a concrete monument stamped "67-C", which is at plane coordinate position North 366,617.32 feet and East 505,148.17 feet; Thence N 00° 05' E 6 feet, more or less, to said concrete monument stamped "67-C"; Thence continue N 00° 05' E 445.0 feet to a concrete monument stamped "67-A", is on the boundary of said United States tract; Thence S 89° 57' E along the boundary of said United States tract 668.4 feet to the point of beginning. Containing, 9.00 acres, more or less, and being all of Tract H-7 Fort Rucker Military Reservation, and Unknown Parties who have any claim, title, interest in, or to said Land, Defendants.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF James Montgomery Harrison, Jr., Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2023-203

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of James Montgomery Harrison, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Deborah B. James, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2023, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney 300 E. Lee Street Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-5146 11/16,23&30-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEANNINE JULIETTE IRBY, DECEASED****CAUSE NO. PR-2023-083**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of October, 2023, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Ellis W. Brown, Jr. to serve as Executor of the Estate of Jeannine Juliette Irby, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Jeannine Juliette Irby that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and resignation as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred. /s/ Charles H. Ellzey Charles H. Ellzey (ELL077) Attorney for Petitioner PO Box 764 Elba, AL 36323 334-403-5691 chas@chellzeylaw.com 11/16,23,&30-pd.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Beth Henderson**, Personal Representative, on the 13th day of November, 2023 by the **Honorable Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 13th day of November, 2023. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/16,23&30-pd**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**
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to each school campus is required to determine all necessary work to complete the project.

• All bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in order to be eligible to submit a bid.

• Overall scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:

- Provide & install access control systems for selected entries and exists on multiple campuses

- Access control systems must be compatible with current systems

-All existing security doors will be utilized in the project and therefore must be compatible with the selected system

Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323 **UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.Bid must be submitted on the school system's **Bid Proposal Form**. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor's name, address, phone number and general contractor's license number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked **"Security Doors Bid" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, December 12, 2023**.

The lowest responsible bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful low bidder only following Board approval.

If you would like more information regarding this bid and/or the pre-bid meeting, please contact Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002.

*The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids; to waive technicalities or informalities; and to award the bid to other than the high bidder if cause can be documented.***POSTED: 11/20/2023 11/23,30&12/7-chg.****IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**In the Matter of the Estate of **Betty L. Smithson**, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2023-191

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty L. Smithson, deceased, having been granted to Troy Bank and Trust Company, Personal Representative, on 15th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 15th day of November, 2023. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/23,30, & 12/7-pd.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



113 Country Club Heights Boulevard is home to Justin and Anna Beth Martin and their family of four children. Construction of this lovely, spacious home was completed in 2022 and the family moved in shortly thereafter.

Pilot Club of Enterprise to host Christmas Tour of Homes this Sunday, Dec. 3rd

The Pilot Club of Enterprise has been pleased to host the Annual Christmas Tour of Homes for over 40 years. This is an annual event that citizens look forward to every year.

This year's event is Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-4:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the club. They can also be purchased at Initially Yours, Shopaholic Home Décor and Gifts, and Yancey Parker's.

Participating homes include the Eugene and Charlene Goolsby home; the Michael and Beverly Greenwood home; the Bob and Joan Hauser home; the Zachary and Leslie Jenkins home; and the Justin and Anna Beth Martin home.

The Pilot Club's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, club members come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

Elba City Schools accepts referrals and assesses students for gifted education programs/services

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Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student

at Elba City Schools. Additionally, all second grade students will be observed as potential through a gifted behavior checklist.

For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of aptitude, characteristics, and performance. The information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned determines if the student qualifies for gifted services.

To make a referral at Elba City Schools, contact the Special Education Coordinator at 334-897-2814.



NEW HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER PARTICIPANTS ATTEND NPF... On Thursday, Nov. 9, seniors from the New Hope Senior Citizens Center had fun at Senior Day at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan, Ala. A group of the ladies are pictured above. Some of the seniors rode the Ferris Wheel and enjoyed the peanuts. Mrs. Onie Davis (below) was all smiles with Mr. and Mrs. Peanut! This is a fun annual event the seniors look forward to each year.



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Please sign below after you read the rules and guidelines. I, _____ have read and understand the rules and guidelines of the Elba Christmas Parade.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY BOYD HARBUCK, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2023-211

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of GARY BOYD HARBUCK, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of November, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Heather Johnson HEATHER JOHNSON Personal Representative of said Estate 11/23,30&12/7-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN HUDSON, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2023-210

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tommy Ray Hataway, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Ann Hudson, deceased, on the 16th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 11/23,30&12/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ROSCOE BYRD, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2023-209

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to John Harold Byrd, as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Roscoe Byrd, deceased, on the 20th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons hav-

ing claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 11/23,30&12/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **KEITH MARTIN BISHOP**, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2023-213

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of **Keith Martin Bishop** having been granted to **Sue A. Smith**, Personal Representative, on the 27th day of November, 2023 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 27th day of November, 2023. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/30,12/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of **BERT ARTHUR BURRIL**, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2023-084

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to CASEY JAMES BURRIL, as Personal Representative of the estate of **Bert Arthur Burril**, deceased on the 24th day of September, 2023, by the Honorable Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRA074) Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 311412 Enterprise, AL 36331-1412 (334) 393-6439 (334) 393-7163 fax 11/30,12/7&14-pd.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both the grandsons came over last week to visit and eat turkey, and while Lawson chomped down on meat the macaroni and cheese, Cannon enjoyed the rolls and even ate a little cake as his appetite grows with age. Oh yeah, the olds folks ate too much and the dogs got rid of leftovers as we all celebrated the day. Another Thanksgiving in the books!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers put on a show last week up in Maplesville as they held a revival on the Red Devils football field and baptized the Devils 49-14 in third round playoff action. As is often the case in road games, it was funny to listen to fans of our opponents talk and last week was not an exception as a couple of Dads at the concession stand shook their heads and said their team was in big trouble when the Elba linemen came out to warm up, and after the game one parent wrote on social media that while they knew it was going to be a tough game, they didn't know it would turn into Alabama versus Chattanooga!

As for the game, Elba scored on three straight first half possessions and then took command in the second half as they made a statement with the lopsided win. The Elba offense rolled up over 500 yards in total offense and rushed for over 11 yards per carry on 43 running plays, while the defense had one of its best outings of the season and limited the powerful Maplesville running game to only 34 yards on 22 carries. It was a total team win over a confident opponent and one that fired up Elba Tiger fans of all ages.

Before changing the subject, I have to slow down and mention junior running back Alvin Henderson, who broke two state records in the win and closed in on several others. Henderson rushed for over 300 yards and six touchdowns for the second straight playoff game against stiff competition, and once again seemed to take his already stellar game to an even higher level in the road win. It is clear to see that Alvin isn't satisfied with just setting individual records and is just as determined to help lead his team to even greater heights.

We had to broadcast the game from the top of the bleachers, and while it was a little chilly, the thrill of being out with the fans and hearing the cheers of excitement and encouragement made it a special night for me. I know many think it is just something we say, but it is 'Great to be an Elba Tiger!'

*** The Elba Lady Tigers went ahead and tipped off their basketball season last week with two games at a tournament in Highland Home and posted one win and one loss. Coach Shaun Hammonds said he got his team in the round-robin event the day before the tournament started because it was simply time to play, and even though they did lose their opener, the girls got to compete against a pair of 3A teams in Wilcox Central and Hillcrest Evergreen, and both of the opponents will probably be as good if not better than many of the teams on their schedule. A team's record means nothing except for fans to look at when the polls come out, and Coach Hammonds has never cared who his team played as long as it plays hard and competes. The balls are bouncing and the Lady Tiger are ready to run.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs saw their dreams of a rematch against Elba in the semifinals fall one win short as their season ended with a 40-18 loss to defending state champion Leroy. Brantley battled for all four quarters and threw a scare into the heavily-favored Bears, but saw three

big miscues turn in to three Leroy touchdowns, and it was too much to overcome. The Bulldogs could have thrown in the towel late in the season after being shut out three times during a four-game stretch and watching their record dip to 3-4, but they kept battling and won five straight games to remind everyone they were still the Brantley Bulldogs and will always be a team to reckon with in south Alabama.

*** The high school basketball season is underway and the biggest surprises so far have been the Zion Chapel Rebels and the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. The Rebels pulled off a couple of surprises early on then last week won three straight games at a tournament in Arton to open a lot of eyes of coaches and fans, and for me the thing I was most impressed with was how everyone on the team played with no fear and wanted the ball in key situations. There is a lot of ball left to play, but the Rebels are a team no one will be able to take for granted! As for the Lady Gamecocks, the girls from 'Brockton competed in a tournament in Wicksburg and brought home the championship trophy. Girls basketball at New Brockton had fallen on hard times years ago and at one time the losses were almost too many to count. However, its coaches and players slowly began to rebuild the program and now all of the sudden they have a team that is off and running and has already added some gold to the trophy case. Better keep an eye on this bunch as the season rolls along! As for the other teams in the area, on the boys side the Kinston Bulldogs got roughed up over at a tourney in Dothan and will have to improve in a hurry to have any chance of being a winning team, while the New Brockton Gamecocks appear to be a talented team that should get more than its share of wins. As for the girls, Zion Chapel is still rebuilding, but is much better than recent years and should win its share of games, while the Lady Bulldogs from Kinston have already opened some eyes and may be a surprise team this season.

*** The high school football playoffs continued last week and in semifinal action this week a total of 18 of the 24 teams taking the field will be #1 seeds. Seven previously unbeaten teams lost last week, with 11 undefeated teams moving on, and once again it looks like a wild ride to the

finish line. In Class 5A and 6A the semifinals will include nothing but #1 seeds, while in 1A the fourth round will pit the #1 team (Leroy) against the #2 team (Elba) in the state in the south, and a pair of #3 seeds in the north; in 2A, both games will be regular season rematches; and, in 3A and 4A a second and third seed both snuck into the party.

The biggest upset last week came in Class 4A, where B.T. Washington stunned previously unbeaten Jackson 20-17. BTW claimed its first-ever third round playoff win with the huge upset, while the Aggies were coming off a big 31-7 win over defending state champ Andalusia and may have gotten caught reading their own headlines or may have been a little injured after so many hugs and pats on the back.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator called in this week's picks and made sure I knew he hit on 13 of his 14 picks last week. The BTW upset over Jackson was the only mark on his paper, and he admitted it was probably his last real shot at a perfect week. Oh well, here is this week's fearless forecast from the area's only real gridiron guesspert....

ELBA VS. LEROY

The Pea River felines will be back on the road this week and will be on a bear hunt in a very unfriendly forest across the state. The felines have been unable to bring home fur from two previous hunts, but the guess here is this is the year they bag a bear!

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Elba determined to 'be the man'

There is an old saying in professional wrestling that 'to be the man, you have to beat the man.'

Since Leroy is the defending 1A state champion, has won 18 straight games and has rolled to an impressive 12-0 record this season there can be no doubt it is 'the man.'

Elba has won 24 of its last 25 games and there can be no doubt it wants to 'be the man,' and knows that means it must 'beat the man.'

Get ready football fans – the battle for supremacy in the south in high school football will be decided Friday night at Leroy, when the (13-0) Elba Tigers travel to Leroy to battle the (12-0) Leroy Bears in the semifinals of the Class 1A high school football playoffs.

"Leroy won the state title last season and is undefeated this season," stated Elba Tiger Coach Marc Sieving. "So, I guess it is only fitting that the road to a possible state title goes through Leroy."

The two teams have met twice in the Class 2A playoffs, with Leroy posting a pair of impressive wins by the scores of 47-21 in 2008, and 48-20 in 2017.

Elba has posted a total of 619 wins and seven state championships during its rich football history and is 7-0 all-time in semifinal action, while Leroy has posted 579 wins and six state championships and is 8-6 all-time in semifinal action.

"Leroy was a power back in its days in Class 2A and certainly hasn't backed down any since the move down to Class 1A," added Sieving. "It is loaded with players that were a part of last year's state championship team and plays with the attitude that it can't be beat. There is no doubt it will be the biggest challenge we have faced this season, but it is a challenge we are looking forward to."

Elba will enter the game averaging 51.1 points per game and allowing 14.5 points per game, while Leroy has averaged 39 points per game and allowed 9.4 points per game in rolling to wins over Clarke County 26-13, McIntosh 41-0, Choctaw County 48-6, St. Luke's 42-10, J.F. Shields 46-8, Southern Choctaw 41-8, Fruitdale 42-16, Millry 26-0, Washington County 49-14, Calhoun 40-7, Georgiana 27-13 and Brantley 40-18.

"Leroy is really good," added Coach Sieving. "They are very disciplined, will be at home and are going to be really hard to beat. Their quarterback won the MVP last year in the state finals and makes things go on offense. He is a very accurate passer, will come out of the pocket when he spots an opening and is just a true competitor. He has three good receivers that can get open and like to go deep, and their line gives him time to sit back, find a receiver and hit him for a big play. They have got really good players all over the field, and while they will line up in a spread, they like to run power football and at times will just line up and try to run you over. They have the backs to do just that, and have backs that can take it to the house. Over on defense, they will line up in front of you and just try to beat you. They are aggressive and disciplined at the same time and don't give up a lot of points. Leroy is just a very good football team that won't beat itself and will make you play hard on every play."

"I know I have bragged about Leroy," said Sieving, "and they are good, but we are good also and I think if we play well we can win the football game. We will need to get some turnovers and get a couple of stops on defense, and on offense we will need to just keep doing what we do and feed the guys that have gotten us this far. On offense we are a running team and have to be successful on the ground to



Coach Marc Sieving says Elba fans are something special, and he hopes to see the stands full again Friday night in support of the Tigers!

be successful in the game, while over on defense we will have to be strong up front to stop the run, and also put pressure on the quarterback. Our players certainly don't fear anyone and have picked up their game in the playoffs, and it will need to get even better this week to take home a win. I know we are playing a team that won the state championship last season, has won 18 straight games and will be playing at home in front of their fans. However, our fans are something special too, and there is no doubt they will make the trip and support the team Friday night. I think the place will be packed, the atmosphere will be great and there will be two very good teams on the field."

Lady Tigers tip-off season

he Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week with two games at Highland Home and split the two contests as they lost to Wilcox Central 75-65 and bounced back to defeat Hillcrest Evergreen 46-25.

"We knew Highland Home was holding a round-robin tournament and got in at the last minute," said Elba Lady Tiger coach Shaun Hammonds, "and while we wanted to win both games we did play hard and got the season started. We came out running against Wilcox Central and were able to keep it close for all four quarters, but kind of tired a little late in the game, as expected, and it allowed them to pull away late. In the win over Hillcrest Evergreen we were more in control for all four quarters and beat a very good 3A team. I felt like we needed to get on the court and play some games, and it was great to get in two games before the holidays."

"We obviously want to win every time we step on the court," added Coach Hammonds, "but in the early-season just getting in shape and working in actual game situations is also important. We did just that against two very good opponents, and the level of competition and just the fact we got on the court will pay dividends down the line. I found out who was ready to play and who we can count on, and can't wait for the regular season to start and watch this bunch play. Our goal is a trip back to Birmingham, and while we know it won't be easy, we know it is a goal we have reached before and can again."

In the 75-65 loss to Wilcox Central, the Lady Tigers rallied in the third quarter to cut a 38-27 halftime deficit to 51-49, only to run out of gas in the final stanza. A'Lyric Whitfield hit a pair of three-pointers in the first quarter to spark the Lady Tigers, while Kendra Juarez and Ny'Asia McCollough scored six points, each, in the second quarter to hang close. Whitfield poured in 12 points in the third quarter rally. However, Elba could never catch up and took the season opening loss.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 32 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Purvis 10, Anna Caldwell 8, Kendra Juarez 7, Ny'Asia McCollough 6 and Ayrika Caldwell 2. Ebony Shears scored 51 points for Wilcox Central.

In the 46-25 win over Hillcrest Evergreen, the Lady Tigers pulled away in the second and third quarters and coasted in with their first win of the young season. A'Lyric Whitfield and Tajah Purvis both hit a three-pointer and combined for 10 first quarter points to help Elba grab a 15-10 lead, while Whitfield, Purvis and Kendra Juarez all nailed three-pointers in the second stanza and combined for 12 points as the Lady Tigers went in at the half with a 29-16 advantage. Whitfield scored 7 points in the third quarter as Elba stretched its lead to 42-22, and the reserves got onto the court in the fourth quarter to mop up the win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 20 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 10, Tajah Purvis 9, Ayrika Caldwell 4, Anna Caldwell 2 and Ny'Asia McCollough 1. Arrean Lopez scored 8 points for Hillcrest Evergreen.

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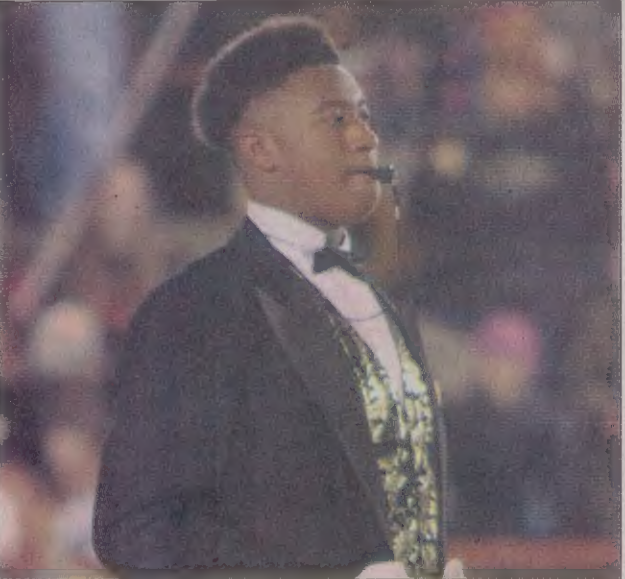
Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) follows Tiger teammate Ty Sieving (5) as he heads upfield for a big gain in last week's 49-14 playoff win over Maplesville.



Elba Tiger Cody Gray (4) goes low to tackle a Maplesville runner in last week's 49-14 playoff win over the Red Devils.



Elba Tigers Collin Arnold (1) and Cayden Adkins (10) combine to stop a Maplesville runner for no gain in last week's playoff win.



Marching Tiger Band drum major Jalin Horstead leads the band onto the field at halftime.

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In playoff road win

Tigers de-horn 'devils 49-14

by Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers took their high-powered attack on the road Friday night in the third round of the Class 1A high school football playoffs and took command early in a dominating 49-14 romp past the Maplesville Red Devils.

Elba was forced to punt on its initial offensive series of the game, but regained possession near midfield after a Maplesville punt and promptly marched 44 yards in four plays to grab an early lead. A 27-yard pass from Brayden Johnson to Alvin Henderson was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on an 8-yard run by Henderson. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 6:12 left in the first quarter the Tigers were on their way with a 7-0 lead.

Elba began its next possession at its own 15-yardline after another Red Devil punt and this time went 85 yards in six plays to extend its early advantage. Cayden Adkins rushed for 26 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson rushed for 58 yards on four carries and scored his second td of the quarter on a 12-yard run. Wisecup added the extra-point, and with 46-seconds remaining in the quarter Elba owned a 14-0 lead.

Maplesville put together its first drive of the game on its ensuing possession and converted twice on fourth down to reach a first down at the Elba 20-yardline. However, the Tiger defense never let the Devils get any closer and turned back the scoring threat on a fourth down sack by Brayden Johnson.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 27-yardline after the defensive stand and covered the 73 yards to the endzone in seven plays. A penalty flag turned an apparent 73-yard td toss from Johnson to Collin Arnold into a 42-yard completion, but it only slowed down the Tigers as Cody Gray and Alvin Henderson took turns butting heads with the Red Devil defense, and Henderson scored his third touchdown of the half on a 1-yard run. Wisecup's extra-point was true, and with 3:08 left in the quarter the Tigers lead was up to 21-0.

The Tigers saw a scoring opportunity slip away late in the half after a pass interception by Collin Arnold, but came out on fire in the second half and scored on their first three possessions to blow the game open.

The Tigers first score of the half came on a 75-yard, four play march, with Alvin Henderson scoring on a 49-yard gallop with 6:35 remaining in the third quarter, while Henderson scored his fifth td of the night on the final play of the quarter on a 12-yard run to cap a 64-yard, eight play drive. Alex Wisecup converted both extra-point attempts and heading into the fourth quarter the Tigers were in command with a 35-0 lead.

Elba began its initial possession of the fourth quarter at its own 2-yardline after a Red Devil punt and went 98 yards in just four plays, with Alvin Henderson chalking up touchdown number six on an 81-yard sprint down the middle of the field. Wisecup kicked the extra-point as the Tigers lead ballooned to 42-0 with 8:30 left in the fourth quarter.

Maplesville finally got on the scoreboard on its ensuing possession as the Red Devils went 55 yards in four plays, with the score coming on a 37-yard pass from Bradlee Padgett to Johnathan Wilson. The extra-point attempt failed, and with 6:58 left on the clock the Tigers lead stood at 42-6.

Elba began its next series at its own 45-yardline after



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) rushed for 314 yards and 6 touchdowns and broke two state high school football records last week in helping lead the Tigers to a 49-14 road playoff win over Maplesville.

an on-sides kick attempt, and this time it took the Tigers only one play to get back into the endzone as Cayden Adkins took a direct snap and weaved his way through the Red Devil defense 55 yards for a score. Alex Wisecup capped off a perfect 7 for 7 night with the extra-point, and with 6:35 still on the clock the Tigers lead was 49-6.

Maplesville got on the scoreboard on its ensuing possession on a 1-yard run by Nehemiah McCary and added the two-point conversion on a pass from Padgett to Aidan Abbott to cut the deficit to 49-14 with 5:03 still left in the quarter. However, Elba never gave the ball back as Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 23 yards to lead the Tigers ground attack as they ran out the clock to claim the 49-14 win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 314 yards and 6 touchdowns on 21 carries, caught one pass from 27 yards and completed a pass from 23 yards to spark the Elba offense, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 99 yards and 1 td on seven carries and Brayden Johnson rushed for 42 yards on four carries and completed 2 of 4 passes for 61 yards.

Nehemiah McCary rushed for 37 yards and 1 touchdown on 13 carries and Bradlee Padgett completed 12 of 22 passes for 163 yards and one score to lead Maplesville.

The win upped Elba's record to 13-0 and advanced the Tigers to a semifinal showdown with top-ranked Leroy, while Maplesville ended the season with an 8-5 record.



Elba fans came out in droves last week in Maplesville to support the Tigers in third round playoff action and had plenty to cheer about in the Tigers 49-14 win.

The yardstick....

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23	1 st Downs	8
43-497	Rushes-Yds.	22-34
84	Passing Yds.	163
581	Total Offense	197
3-5-0	Passes	12-22-1
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SPORTS NEWS

Brantley Bulldogs ousted 40-18 in quarterfinals round

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs battled the defending state champion Leroy Bears for all four quarters Friday night in third round playoff action at David Lowery Stadium, but saw the Bears turn three Bulldog miscues into touchdowns and could never catch back up in a 40-18 loss.

Leroy got the first break of the game midway through the first quarter when a partially blocked punt set the Bears up at the Brantley 14-yardline, and the Bears cashed in the scoring opportunity

on an 8-yard pass from Brayden Huebner to Taylor Crumedy to grab an early 6-0 lead.

Brantley got the game's next break on a fumble recovery by Jon Kilcrease, and the Bulldogs also cashed in the turnover as they went 65 yards in seven plays, sparked by Jayden Parks, who hit on 4 of 5 passes for 29 yards and rushed for 28 yards on three carries, including a 4-yard touchdown run, as Brantley pulled even at 6-6 with 5:26 left in the second quarter.

The game's next big break went to the Bears with a fumble recovery at the Brantley 21-yardline,

and Malik Howell cashed in the turnover on a 7-yard scamper to put the Bears back on top 12-6 with 1:45 remaining in the half.

Leroy received the second half kickoff and drove 61 yards in 10 plays and ate up almost six minutes off the clock to extend its advantage. The scoring drive was capped by a 1-yard sneak by Brayden Huebner, and Rob Moseley kicked the extra-point to put the Bears on top 19-6 with 6:43 left in the third quarter.

The Bears got the ball back on a Brantley punt and this time went 52 yards in five plays to get back into the endzone. The

score came on a 34-yard touchdown toss from Huebner to Crumedy, and Moseley added the extra-point to push the Leroy lead to 26-6 with 2:19 remaining in the quarter.

Leroy quickly regained possession when Brantley fumbled away the ensuing kickoff at the Brantley 34-yardline, and once again the Bears cashed in the turnover when Brayden Huebner capped the short scoring drive with a 12-yard run. Moseley's extra-point attempt was good, and the Bears were in command with a 33-6 lead with 11:12 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Brantley wasn't about to throw in the towel and took the ensuing kickoff and needed only two plays to get into the endzone. Andre Wright got both carries and responded with runs of 18 and 39 yards, with the second run crossing the goal line as the Bulldogs pulled within 33-12 with 10:41 still left on the clock.

Leroy's Malik Howell ended any Brantley comeback hopes with a 48-yard touchdown run on the Bears ensuing possession, and after Moseley added the extra-point Leroy was still in command with a 40-12 advantage with 10:24

remaining on the clock.

The game's final score came with 3:57 left in the game on a 9-yard pass from Jayden Parks to Daylan Davis, but all it did was change the final score as Brantley saw its late-season surge end with the 40-18 playoff loss.

Jayden Parks rushed for 51 yards and 1 touchdown on 12 carries and completed 16 of 28 passes for 109 yards and 1 td, with Cooper Layton pulling in six catches for 53 yards and Daylan Davis pulling in four passes for 35 yards and one td.



The Brantley Bulldogs cheerleaders kept the fans cheering all night last Friday nights as their team played hard in the quarterfinals of the Class 1A state playoffs.



Brantley Bulldogs Romeo Presseley (77) and Kendrick Welch (11) discuss action in break in the action.

State playoffs enter semifinal round

Central-Phenix City High School and four-time defending state champion Thompson High School both posted wins Friday night to advance to the Super 7 Class 7A state championship game December 6.

The semifinal pairings for Classes 1A through 6A were officially set Saturday morning at the AHSAA Football Playoff Coaches meeting held at the AHSAA office.

While the 7A playoffs completed semifinals Friday night, the other six classifications finished the quarterfinals with five of the six defending state champions advanced to the semis December 1. Of the 26 games played November 24, the visiting teams won 15 times.

Defending state champions Class 1A Leroy (12-0), Class 3A Saint James (11-2) and Class 5A Ramsay (11-2) all won on the road in the quarterfinals. The Bears defeated Brantley 40-18 and will be in the semifinals to face unbeaten Elba (13-0), a 49-14 road winner over Maplesville. Saint James edged Thomasville 28-26 and will travel again in the semis to Mobile Christian (13-0), a 42-21 road winner over Trinity Presbyterian 42-21. Ramsay defeated Moody 40-27, and returns home to Birmingham to play Guntersville (12-1) in the semifinals at Legion Field.

Defending Class 2A state champion Fyffe (12-1) had the home field advantage in its 63-33 victory over previously unbeaten Locust Fork (12-1) 63-33. Defending Class 6A state champion Saraland (13-0) posted a 31-21 home victory over previously undefeated Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (12-1). Fyffe will host Region 7 rival Pisgah (12-1), a 36-29 winner over Tuscaloosa Academy (10-3), Friday night in a rematch. The Red Devils won the regular-season game 55-42 handing the Eagles their only loss of the season.

Perhaps the most surprising third-round win was Class 4A, Region 2 third seed B.T. Washington's 20-17 victory over previously undefeated Jackson (11-1) at Tuskegee. The Eagles (9-4) of Coach Lawrence O'Neal scored the winning touchdown on the final play of the game. That win sets up a rematch with Class 4A, Region 2 champion Montgomery Catholic (13-0) Friday night at Montgomery. Catholic won on the road at Jacksonville 44-20 in the quarterfinals.

AHSAA STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

(All games Friday, December 1 for Classes 1A-6A; 7A semifinals played Nov. 24)

- CLASS 1A**
 - South Semifinals**
Elba (13-0) at Leroy (12-0)
 - North Semifinals**
Pickens County (10-3) at Coosa Christian (8-5), Gadsden
- CLASS 2A**
 - South Semifinals**
Reeltown (12-0) at B.B. Comer (13-0), Sylacauga
 - North Semifinals**
Pisgah (12-1) at Fyffe (12-1)
- CLASS 3A**
 - South Semifinals**
Saint James (11-2) at Mobile Christian (13-0)
 - North Semifinals**
Madison Academy (13-0) at Geraldine (12-1)
- CLASS 4A**
 - South Semifinals**
B.T. Washington (9-4) at, Montgomery Catholic (13-0)
 - North Semifinals**
Cherokee County (12-1) at Westminster Christian (11-2), Huntsville
- CLASS 5A**
 - South Semifinals**
Eufaula (10-3) at Gulf Shores (13-0)
 - North Semifinals**
Guntersville (12-1) at Ramsay (11-2), Birmingham, Legion Field
- CLASS 6A**
 - South Semifinals**
Pike Road (11-2) at Saraland (13-0)
 - North Semifinals**
Parker (12-1) at Clay-Chalkville (12-0)

CLASS 7A FINALS, DEC. 6
Bryant-Denny Stadium, Tuscaloosa
Thompson (11-1) vs. Central-Phenix City (12-0), Wednesday, 7 p.m.

High School

Roundball Roundup



Zion Chapel Rebel Jacob Chestnut scored the 1,000th point of his high school career in a recent Rebel win.

BOYS:

Zion Chapel posts three wins in tournament

The Zion Chapel Rebels enjoyed their daily trip to Arlton last week as they rolled three straight wins to take honors in the round-robin event.

Following are highlights of the tournament wins:

Zion Chapel 70 Houston Academy 69

Zion Chapel's Slade Grantham hit a twisting jumped in the lane with 3-seconds left on the clock to lift the Rebels to an exciting 70-69 win over Houston Academy. Grantham scored 27 points to lead the Rebels, while Jacob Chestnut added 26 points, drained 6 three-pointers and went over the 1,000-point mark for his career; and, Mason Stuart scored 10 points. Kady Mitchell scored 31 points to lead Houston Academy.

Zion Chapel 55 Dale County 22

The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back to claim a lopsided 55-22 win over Dale County, in day two action. Jacob Chestnut scored 16 points and Hayden Speckert added 9 to pace the Rebels.

Zion Chapel 54 Geneva County 39

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed the three-day event with a solid 54-39 win over Geneva County. Jacob Chestnut scored 18 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Slade Grantham recorded a triple-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and Hayden Speckert added 10 points. Robert Darden scored 15 points to lead Geneva County.

Dale County 52 New Brockton 48

The New Brockton Gamecocks watched an early lead evaporate in a 52-48 loss to Dale County. Yassiah Rousseau scored 21 points to lead New Brockton, while Caden Wallace and Josiah Peterson both added 12 points.

Headland 56 Kinston 46

The Kinston Bulldogs trailed only 33-32 after three quarters, but couldn't keep up the pace in the fourth quarter and dropped a 56-46 decision to Headland. Michael Thompson scored 15 points and Whitt Floyd added 9 to lead the Bulldogs, while Cade Enfinger led

Headland with 23 points.

Providence Christian 82 Kinston 30

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never challenged in a lopsided 82-30 loss to Providence Christian. Pearce Boone scored 30 points to lead Providence Christian, while Powell Phillips added 16.

GIRLS:

New Brockton Lady Gamecocks post two wins to win Wicksburg Thanksgiving Tournament

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their early-season success last week as they rolled to two wins to claim the championship of the Wicksburg Thanksgiving Tournament.

New Brockton 79 Pike Lib 6

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made it look easy in a 79-6 romp past Pike Lib. The Lady Gamecocks opened up a 40-4 halftime advantage and never slowed down as they rolled to the lopsided win. Casey Williams had 19 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals to lead New Brockton, while Samantha Siniard added 19 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Gabby Eubanks added 18 points and 6 steals; Ariana Smith added 11 points, 2 rebounds and 6 steals, and, Brittany Williams added 10 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

New Brockton 48 Wicksburg 40

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks had to fight for all four quarters to take home the tourney title, with a 48-40 win over the host Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Ariana Smith scored 15 points, pulled down 4 rebounds, had 3 steals and 1 blocked shot to lead New Brockton, while Gabby Eubanks added 10 points, 1 rebound and 2 blocked shots; Brittany Williams added 9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 blocked shot; and, Aniya Barkley added 8 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot.



New Brockton Lady Gamecocks hold the championship trophy after winning last week's Wicksburg Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament title with two big wins.



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